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FOLLOWING MEETINGS WITH CODEL HOLLINGS/GRIFFIN AND CODEL RANDALL JANUARY 14, PRIME MINISTER MULDOON WAS ASKED BY PRESS WHAT REPLY HE GAVE SENATORS CONCERNING NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP VISITS. MFA HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING TEXT OF MULDOON'S RESPONSE:

QUOTE. IT IS NO DIFFERENT TO COMMENTS MADE PRIOR TO THE ELECTIONS. IF WE REGARD ANZUS AS ABOUT THE MOST IMPORTANT TREATY WE HAVE THEN WE'VE GOT TO PLAY OUR PART IN ANZUS AND WE CAN'T SAY TO THE UNITED STATES YES WE EXPECT YOU TO COME
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TO OUR ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANZUS THAT WE ARE GOING

TO DETERMINE THE KINDS OF WEAPONS YOU USE, AND WE ARE DOING
TO REQUIRE YOU TO USE WORLD WAR I RIFLES WHEN YOU COME
TO HELP NEW ZEALAND. WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IS ACCESS
TO NEW ZEALAND PORTS FROM TIME TO TIME BY NUCLEAR-POWERED,
NOT NUCLEAR-ARMED, BUT NUCLEAR-POWERED VESSELS. THE
LABOR GOVERNMENT NEVER PROHIBITED IT. THEY PUT CERTAIN
REQUIREMENTS WHICH WERE MET, THAT IS TO SAY, ABSOLUTE
LIABILITY AND AFTER THAT THEY KEPT ON TALKING ABOUT
IT. AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, WE CERTAINLY WOULD NOT
PROHIBIT ACCESS TO NEW ZEALAND PORTS BY VESSELS OF THE
UNITED STATES, AN AMZUS COUNTRY. END QUOTE.
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